



CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting – June 7, 2013
9:30 a.m. – 61 Woodland Street, Hartford

MINUTES

Regents Present: Merle Harris (Chair), Naomi Cohen, Lawrence DeNardis (by conf.), Nick Donofrio

Regents Absent: Eugene Bell, Yvette Melendez, Catherine Smith

Staff Present: David Levinson (by conf.), Elsa Núñez, Braden Hosch, Maureen McClay

Other Attendees: Shirley Adams (COSC), Ann Branchini (TRCC), Pamela Edington (NCC), Jane Gates (WCSU), Christopher Kukk (WCSU), Nancy Melniczak (System Office), Regina Miller (SDE), Michael Rooke (TXCC)

Chair Merle Harris called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. With a full quorum not yet present, the agenda order was changed to begin with an information only item.

9. Update on Enrollment Management Project with Maguire Associates.

Dr. Hosch distributed a handout that had also been emailed providing additional information on enrollment counts over the last few decades for both the community college and state university systems. It was background for the present enrollment management project, a large-scale, integrated project that will bring needed information to address declining enrollments. He noted results of surveys already done have gone back to presidents. Discussion followed including questions on buy-in from the institutions and need to have outcome goals. Mr. Donofrio noted he would like to have input from the presidents on their ideas and participation. Chair Harris mentioned the strategic plan now being formulated includes metric that will help evaluate institutions. President Nunez noted the importance of incentives and President Levinson noted the allocation formula at the community colleges needed to be addressed as it served as a disincentive. Dr. DeNardis noted in a recent report, Connecticut was the only state to post negative growth in 2012.

The order of the agenda was resumed.

- 1. Minutes of the May 3, 2013 meeting were moved by Mr. Donofrio, seconded by Ms. Cohen and unanimously approved.**
- 2. Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda was **moved for adoption by Mr. Donofrio, seconded by Ms. Cohen and unanimously approved.**

Consent items included:

Academic Program Approvals

 - a) Terminations
 - i. Retail Business Management (undergraduate certificate – C2)
Tunxis Community College

- ii. Business Administration Option in Accounting (Option-A)
Tunxis Community College
- iii. Business Administration Option in eCommerce (Option-A)
Tunxis Community College
- iv. Business Administration Option in Finance (Option-A)
Tunxis Community College
- v. Business Administration Option in Marketing Management (Option-A)
Tunxis Community College
- vi. Business Administration Option in Retail Business Management (Option-A)
Tunxis Community College
- b) Licensure and Accreditation
 - i. Digital Media and Design (MA/MFA)
University of Connecticut
- c) Program Modifications
 - i. Latin American Studies (MA) name change to Latino and Latin American Studies (MA)
University of Connecticut
 - ii. Sport Management concentration in Social Science of Sport (BS) change to a separate program in Sport Management (BS)
University of Connecticut
 - iii. Sport Management concentration in Kinesiology (MS) change to a separate program in Sport Management (MS)
University of Connecticut
 - iv. Sport Management concentration in Learning, Leadership, and Educational Policy (PhD)
University of Connecticut

3. Action Items – Academic Program Approvals

a) i. Licensure – Veterinary Technology (AS) Norwalk Community College

Dr. Hosch presented the program noting it was the third one in the state and would cover the southwest corner. It was based on the program recently approved at Middlesex CC. He introduced Provost Pamela Edington. Provost Edington noted both Norwalk's and Middlesex's programs were based on national accreditation standards. She mentioned the large numbers spent on veterinarian care nationally and the right timing for NCC and their recently opened science health lab, as well as their Foundation's covering initial expenses for the program. The minimum requirement for Vet Techs is an Associate's degree. The Chair of the Science Department has been appointed Interim Director but a permanent director will be hired immediately upon approval.

- Mr. Donofrio remarked it was a terrific program and asked about employment prospects. Provost Edington noted veterinarians are stressing a real need for technicians.
- Dr. Harris commented that three programs operating strategically across the state would meet the need and the Board should be careful about any additional ones. She commended NCC for getting the Foundation to fund start-up costs.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Donofrio, seconded by Ms. Cohen and unanimously approved.

b) i. Licensure & Accreditation – Health Care Administration (BS)-Charter Oak State College

Dr. Hosch introduced Provost Shirley Adams and gave an introduction of the program, noting it was not actually new but exists as a concentration within the existing BA/BS in Liberal Arts and Sciences program at the colleges; these concentrations are basically majors. This was the first converting the concentration to a major. Provost Adams noted

it had been in existence since 2002, was a popular program with recent graduates already employed.

There were no other comments.

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Donofrio and unanimously approved.

With a suggestion to change the order of the agenda to accommodate guests, a motion to modify the agenda was made by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Donofrio and unanimously approved.

6. Approval of Center for Compassion, Creativity and Innovation at Western Connecticut State University

There was a motion to approve by Mr. Donofrio, seconded by Ms. Cohen. Discussion followed.

Dr. Hosch noted the policy for initiating a Center of Excellence was outlined in CSU Board of Trustees' policies. An analysis had been conducted and it was determined that the Center was valuable to WCSU and the system, and financially viable. He introduced Provost Jane Gates and Dr. Christopher Kukk from Western. They gave an overview, noting it would be a hub for local, state, national and international use. The initial funding was provided from the Dalai Lama. Dr. Kukk has also been meeting regularly with six potential donors who were all very interested. He noted Western CSU is the second university in the country to be a University of Compassion and they have been working with others interested in the concept, including University of Hartford, University of Southern California, several others, plus Oxford in England. In addition, Danbury has become a "City of Compassion." The initial year's plan includes 36 projects, e.g. weaving the local communities into a "square," creating a garden of compassion, initiating communication. Questions ensued regarding the movement. Dr. Kukk noted Karen Armstrong had received a TED prize to start the movement based in Seattle, WA. (TED is a nonprofit devoted to "Ideas Worth Spreading" from Technology, Entertainment, Design.) In response to a query, it was noted the visit of the Dalai Lama had begun over two years ago after students had come forward with the idea for the Center. It was important to note that the Center would be self-supporting. In response to a question regarding what was the interest of businesses, it was noted that the inclusion of creativity and innovation would reach out to students bringing all into a real world environment. The Center would also sponsor conferences similar to one recently held at WCSU. That conference book is already into a second printing. A second conference is being planned for next March. There are also plans to have a TED event at WCSU. A number of comments were made noting the benefits of a Center but there was hesitation regarding the meaning and application of compassion. However, Mr. Donofrio noted there was enough money to support the program and a review and accountability would be required in five years. In response to a question regarding finances, it was noted the present budget was expected to cover five years with expectations to raise more. Dr. Gates also stated it was known by all involved that the Center would always be self-supporting and would cease if support ceased. It was observed that Board Policy would not preclude it from becoming dormant even with approval for five years.

Vote: Motion passed with three yea's (Cohen, Donofrio, Harris) and one abstention (DeNardis).

8. b) Change to Early Childhood Education programs to meet requirements in CGS 10-16p(2) and standards of NAEYC

Dr. Hosch gave an overview of the statute and qualifications for ECE facilities with requirements to complete an Associate's or Bachelor's degree. The programs must be approved by the State Department of Education and the Board of Regents to comply with 10-16p(2). However, the changes before the Committee represent adjustments within existing courses and do not need Board approval and are presented for information purposes in order to establish Board acceptance as a nonsubstantive change under the policy established by the Board and its program approval authority in CGS 10a-35a. The program at Eastern CSU is different – they plan to deliver their ECE through the BGS degree and will go through the Board of Regents approval process for a program modification. Dr. Hosch introduced Dr. Regina Miller from the Connecticut Department of Education. Dr. Miller noted the process started with the community college programs' accreditation under national NAEYC standards. All have now been completed. There is a logical developmental sequence, rigorously enhanced with key assessments in place and national accreditation standards. Data is being reviewed and analyzed. Chair Harris thanked Dr. Miller for attending, also noting the program can also line students up for transfer and articulation.

Agenda returned to order.

3.c) Program Modifications

It was noted the three modifications were all standard and there was agreement they would be voted on together. **A motion was made by Mr. Donofrio, seconded by Ms. Cohen and unanimously approved.**

Modifications approved:

- i. Early Childhood Education (AS) – name change to Early Childhood Inclusive Education
Housatonic Community College
- ii. Dietetic Technology (AS) – name change to Nutrition and Dietetics
Gateway Community College
- iii. Reading (MS, SYC, and GR Teacher Cert) – to offered at Newtown High School
Southern Connecticut State University

3.d) Terminations

The three terminations were also voted on together, with a **motion by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Donofrio and unanimously approved.**

Terminations approved:

- i. General Science (BS) – Central Connecticut State University
- ii. Business Office Technology: Administrative Assistant-Foreign Language Option (Option-A) –
Gateway Community College
- iii. Early Childhood Education: Special Education Option (Option-A)
Housatonic Community College

4. Approval of Endowed Chair – Central Connecticut State University

Dr. Hosch provided an overview of cCSU's request to fill the ASF chair with a nominee. The University went through its selection process and the nominee has the support of the ASF President and ASF Board. **There was a motion to approve by Mr. Donofrio, seconded by Dr. DeNardis.** Discussion ensued. Dr. Harris questioned how involved the donor was in the

selection process. Discussion noted board policy did not address this matter, however donor involvement could raise complicated issues. It was mentioned that only institutions should name Chairs. There was general agreement that Board policy should be reviewed, noting the Chair itself is approved by a donor but then should not need to approve individual filling it.

A friendly amendment was added. Approval is contingent upon clarification of the level of involvement of the American Savings Foundation in the choice of the designee. The motion with amendment was unanimously approved.

Note: the Board policy should be added to a future agenda for review.

7. Community College Developmental Education Placement Policy

A motion was made to remove from table by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Donofrio.

Dr. Hosch commented the revised motion incorporated previous recommendations with the additional “resolve” statements. In answer to questions, the process was explained in detail. Regarding an audit, it was noted some analysis is done at the system office but there is no enforcement at this time, however, it will be communicated to Deans. Dr. Levinson requested some sample analyses, and those will be done. It was also noted the policy meets the intent of PA 12-40. Dr. Nuñez mentioned it was critical for the Board to weigh in and that it would help the system office in collection of data and assessing outcomes.

The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Extension of Institutional Accreditation for Middlesex Community College.

There was no discussion. **Approval was moved by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Donofrio and unanimously approved.**

Adjournment

There was no other business. **A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Donofrio, seconded by Ms. Cohen and unanimously approved.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.